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1. The Soviet Union uses and manipulates the activities of some religious organizations--including the Christian Peace Conference (CPC)--as part of its active measures (aktivnyye meropriyatiya) abroad. The CPC is a Soviet front organization which was founded in Prague in 1958, and maintains its headquarters there. Its propaganda focus is supervised by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union's International Information and International Departments, as well as by the KGB. The CPC is funded by the Soviet Communist Party. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

2. The CPC has operated in conjunction with another and more prominent Soviet front organization, the World Peace Council (WPC). For example, the CPC sent a 13-member delegation to the WPC conference on Vietnam held in Helsinki in March 1979. The body also maintains relations with the Berlin Conference of European Catholic Christians, another organizational member of the WPC. It also tries to maintain close cooperation with non-Soviet sponsored religious organizations such as the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, the All-African Church Conference, and the Pax Christi International. [redacted] 25X1

3. In all, the CPC claims members from about 80 countries. Its International Secretariat is composed of secretaries from different countries, but ultimate control

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resides in Moscow: CPC President Karoly Toth is from Hungary, Secretary General Lubomir Mirejovsky is from Czechoslovakia. The former President of the CPC was Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Nikhodim, an agent of the KGB. The current Chairman of the CPCs Continuation Committee, Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Filaret, has been active in the CPC since 1971, and may be in the pay of the KGB. [redacted]

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4. The World Peace Conference of Religious Workers held in Moscow May 10-14 organized under the theme of "Religious Workers for Saving the Sacred Gift of Life from Nuclear Catastrophe" was attended by a number of foreign religious leaders, including the Reverend Billy Graham. The conference was nominally sponsored by the Moscow Patriarchate and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen, rather than the CPC or WPC, but the distinction has no real meaning in terms of Soviet control of the proceedings or use of the conference for propaganda purposes. Moreover, some of the Soviet participants were active CPC members. Soviet authorities probably thought that Pimen's sponsorship of the Conference gave it more legitmacy than WPC or CPC sponsorship. [redacted]

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